IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: CERAMIC CASTING MOLD FOR CASTING METAL AND

PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.